THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

Part 2

One Of A Kind

"Lum" Edwards sits in one of his three barber chairs; this chair beautifully restored and upholstered in bright red was once the barber chair used by the late Earl Harris in his Evergreen Barber Shop. In the background you see the old barber shop cash registers, part of his collection of razors, the old mug rack containing some exceptionally beautiful mugs and in front of the mirror two old witch hazel and tonic jars.

"Lum" Edwards holds a 'trade sign' . . . a large make-believe razor that the barber hung in his window, designating that it was a barber shop. Behind "Lum" you see one of his barber poles. This one blinks on and off, as a way of telling the customers 'come on in, this is a Barber Shop.'

"I've tried a little bit of everything.....haven't accomplished much, but I reckon folks like me get a lot of enjoyment out of life."

Those were the words of William Arlous "Lum" Edwards in a recent conversation.

While it may be quite true that "Lum" has tried a bit of everything, I can't agree that he hasn't accomplished much.

Let me tell you about this fellow, a former Carrol County resident. Wait a minute, doesn't sound like I'm describing "Lum", now does it? Let me reword that.....

Pull up a chair and set a spell and I'll tell you 'bout a Hill-Billy called "Lum" who was born and bred in the hills of Carrol County, Virginia. Sounds more like it, don't you agree?

"Lum" and his wife Catherine Ring Edwards moved to Appomattox in 1975. Along with them came their two sons, William Jr. , Billy, and Phillip. Their only daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Arnold, lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

Who is a stranger? To "Lum" Edwards, not single soul! In Maude's Restaurant, owned and operated by the Edwards, "Lum" greets 'one-time' diners with the same easy-going, relaxed friendliness that he extends to his regular patrons.

One never really knows what to expect from "Lum" in the way of conversation, but there is one thing of which you can be sure.....it will be entertaining!

"How're you doing sir?' asked "Lum" on a recent occasion as a gentleman was getting ready to pay his bill after finishing lunch.

"I guess I'm doing O.K." replied the gentleman without too much enthusiasm.

"Just doing O.K.?" asked "Lum." "You gotta be doin' better'n 'at.....you're moving, ain't ya? As long as you're moving, the undertaker won't get ya!!!"

It's easy to see that "Lum" loves people and they respond in like manner. I think you might say that "Lum" has earned a BAF degree from the College of Life and Experience. And what in the world, you may ask, is a BAF degree? Why, 'Being A Friend', of course!

There is another degree that "Lum" Edwards claims as his.....a Degreee In Profanity! It seems that when he was just a little fellow, some of his uncles got quite a kick out of teaching little "Lum" some choice words. He was a good student.....he learned rather well!

Occasionally when you are in Maude's Restaurant you may hear "Lum" 'fussing' with the employees.....just laying 'em out, something like this.....

"I do declare, I jest don't know what I'm gonna do with the help; they come in here drunk and half sleep....." On and on he goes, laughing all the time.

You only have to visit Maude's one time to know the kind of people he has in his employ. They are friendly, courteous, and efficient. You know what? They are wide-awake and sober too!

This fellow "Lum", so full of wit, is a lover of music.....plays entirely 'by ear'. He has played Country and Western music for dances. Quite some time ago, he played Country and Western for a radio show that was broadcast from radio station WBOB in Galax.

When you enter Maude's Restaurant, your eyes are quickly drawn to an impressive display of straight razors.

About twenty-five years ago, a brother-in-law gave "Lum" a shaving mug. He already had a plain white shaving mug and two razors that his father had given him. Although these gifts kindled an interest in barber mugs and razors, that interest didn't flame into an active hobby until about four or five year ago. At that time his interest had grown to the point he began buying mugs to add to his collection. His interest in mugs is by no means limited to shaving mugs; he also collects fraternal mugs.

Approximately two years ago, "Lum" began collecting razors from all over the United States. He now has over 60 He carefully catalogs the razors as he acquires them either through purchase, trading or as gifts. On the boards where the razors are attractively displayed, "Lum" has a number and a corresponding number is listed in a catalog; alongside the number in the catalog he lists the manufacturer of the razors.

In his collection quite a few razors may have identical handles but entirely different blades; in other instances the blades may be identical and the handles quite different.

"Lum" likes, and collects anything in the barbering industry. He has three barber chairs; one dates back to 1880, another to 1905 and a third to 1920.

Everybody knows a barber shop must have a barber pole and "Lum" has several of those too. He has a barber rack and two cash registers from barber shops. One of the registers is brass and came from a barber shop in Syracuse, New York. Another is metal with a wood top. Add to this trade signs and he's ready to go in business.

"Lum" had the misfortune to slip on ice as he was getting ready to leave for work on the morning of January 9th, 1976. He broke a leg and consequently had to spend the next ten months on crutches.

"My doctor told me I was jest too dad-blamed old to be breaking a leg, but I told him I done it anyhow!" said "Lum" as he recounted his experience.

"I thought that fool thing won't never gonna get well," said "Lum" but it finally did after they went in and took out them fool pins."

Although he knew full well what the consequences of an ice storm could be, he didn't seem to be too concerned during our most recent crisis.

Catherine, his wife, was, like most of us, worried and uneasy during the latest sleet storm. The electricity had been disrupted by the ice and she and "Lum" were home. The tree limbs were creaking as they swayed under the load of ice. As the ice became heavier, the creaking became louder and more nerve-racking. "Lum" didn't seem to notice too much. Getting more tense all the time, Catherine could keep silent no longer.

"Lum", she said in a worried tone, "don't you hear all that creaking? Do you think any of those limbs will fall on the house?"

"Yeah," said "Lum", in a matter-of-fact tone, "I do believe they will fall, Hon; and that ain't all....that tree by the porch is gonna fall."

"Lum" paused, got slowly up out of his chair and quietly announced, "Well, I reckon I'll go to bed."

Catherine could hardly believe her ears. The electricity was already off, the creaking of the limbs under their load of ice was getting louder and HE was calmly going to bed!!

Just as "Lum" had predicted about 1:00 in the morning the tree by the porch fell. The noise was tremendous but luckily the tree missed the porch.....only by inches.

The next morning Catherine could hardly wait to question her husband.

"Lum", she began, "how in the world could you possibly sleep through the storm last night? Didn't you hear the tree fall? I just don't see....."

"Lum" gave his wife a long, serious look and calmly replied, "What's the matter, Hon, ain't you got no faith?"

For a fellow who claims he hasn't accompolished much, "Lum" Edwards has done quite a bit.....there are things he has done that even YOU don't know about! Next week I'll finish the story about this Hill-Billy who claims to be the 'town clown'!!

Y'all set a spell and listen, won't ya?

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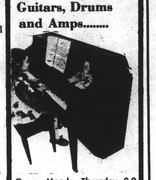

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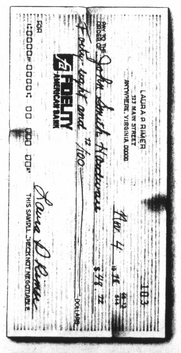

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If you want to really take a hard look at this consideration, it should be budgeted for your farm situation. Our farm management folks will be glad to give a hand.

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Virginia bees worked harder in 1978 than a year earlier. The Virginia Crop Reporting Service says honey production last year was 2,541,000 pounds, up 59%, with 4% fewer colonies.

The average colony produced 33 pounds, highest since records first began in 1939.

Honey was worth $1.5 million to Virginia beekeepers in 1978.

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Spring feeder sale dates were announced this week - Lynchburg, March 29, Farmville, March 30 and the 2nd Lynchburg sale on April 12.

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There's a great deal of optimism in the cattle industry at this time. Cattle owners are smiling, because it's the first time that they have made any money in four years.

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Following are some comments from speakers at the recent annual meeting of the National Cattlemen's Association.

A national beef referendum will be conducted later this year.

Senator Bentson, Texas, reminded the group that the United States was the world's largest producer of beef and also the world's largest consumer of beef. Beef is a $20 billion industry, It is the largest segment of U.S. agricultural Japan offers the opportunity of being a major importer of American beef, but it imports the equivalent of one thin hamburger patty per capita. They have agreed to take 14,000 tons additional beef in the next four years. That's equal to a quarter pounder per capita.

One speaker described a desirable beef carcass as: one that has been on feed 100 to 150 days, has .35 to .50 inches of fat, greater than 40:1 muscle: Bone and hang up a 600 to 900 pound carcass.

There would be a market stipulation that the carcass be choice grade with a yield grade of 3.9 or better.

Much of the talk you'll hear in a beef meeting, bull sale or a discussion on performance keeps coming back to frame size and muscling. No one is willing to say, "How big is too big?" This may depend on a specific situation. Most people recognize that we need different kinds of cattle. No one kind or type will suit every environmental, economic or consumer demand condition. At the trade show last week in Kansas City a 2,450 pound Angus bull was on display. This size Angus would probably be too large for most herds, but for a few it may be just what they need.

More about some of these concerns will be discussed later.

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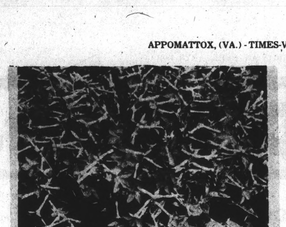
The Culpeper performance sale on January 20th averaged $1544, the Angus bulls averaged $1830 and the polled Hereford $1272.

Two Angus bulls brought $3600. Only three bulls brought under a thousand.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.09
This Month	4.90
This Year	4.90



Nicki-Red Hybrid Nicotiana is a 1979 Bronze Medal All-American winner. Old fashioned gardeners usually included a cluster or two of Nicotiana plants. Older gardeners will remember with nostalgia the pervasive fragrance of evening blooming nicotiana.

Now plant breeders have reset the biological clock in nicotianas to produce flowers that remain open all day. At the same time, they trimmed the plants to a handier size, doubled the number of flowers spiked per plant and tilded the individual blossoms to face out rather than down. Some of the evening fragrance has been preserved. The new Nicki-Red is a solid red color, not previously available.

The multi-spiked plants begin blooming when plants are less than a foot high and continue to grow and bloom until they are at least 18 to 24 inches in height. Each spike bears about a dozen rain resistant, perfect shaped flowers.

Speed reblooming by trimming off spent spikes before seeds form. Feed lightly and water heavily.

Start outdoors in warm soil. Dig in a little manure or compost and leave the soil rough. Water the soil heavily. Then scatter the nicotiana seeds. Don't cover them. Seedlings are easy to transplant.

Rick Pack Celebrates Birthday

Rick Pack, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Broderick Pack, II of Appomattox, celebrated his 9th birthday January 23rd with a party at Skateworld. Attending, from left, were Dewitt Goin, Jeff Foltz, Jeff Agee, Rick Pack (middle), Kevin Armentrout, John Jendzurski and Danny Williams. All present enjoyed the skating and the party.

Robert E. Lee Honor Roll

The students making the "A" honor roll (95-100) at Robert E. Lee Academy were Kathi Morris, Stella Osborne and Mary Lee Bryant.

The "B" honor roll (88-94) students were Lisa Moon, Bob Hanes and Kim Johnson.

Those students having perfect attendance for the past six weeks are as follows: Doug Doss, Kevin Doss, Kim Johnson, Stella Osborne, Mary Lee Bryant, Kathi Morris, Pedi Myrick, Stacey Myrick, Bryan Wallace, Laura Doss, Sarah Morris, Angela Hackett, Melinda Fleshman, Audra Doss, Douglas Crews and Chad Pierce.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Feb. 5 - Hot dog, slaw, pork and beans, cake, milk.

Tues., Feb. 6 - Chicken salad, string beans, apple sauce, jello, topping, rolls, butter, milk.

Wed., Feb. 7 - Spaghetti, tossed salad, peanut butter, Ritz cracker, roll, butter, milk, fruit.

Thurs., Feb. 8 - Hamburger, steamed cabbage, French fries, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 9 - Fish squares, greens, macaroni, cheese, cookie, milk, roll, butter.

FORMER PASTOR TO PREACH AT CHESTNUT GROVE SUNDAY

The former pastor, Rev. K. W. Davis, will preach at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, February 4, at the 11 a.m. morning service.

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